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AND SET OF THE CARTRIDGE AND ANALYZER (AS AMENDED)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that thirteen of the references listed were cited in an International Search Report dated 3 June 2003. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.



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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

English abstracts are provided for the following references: JP 2003-139777, JP 2003-42994, JP 10-253570, JP 8-94630, JP 9-250998, JP 2001-281199, and JP 2001-141686. US 5,354,074 corresponds to JP 8-262026. US 5,359,504 corresponds to JP 6-294769. US 2003/0013992 corresponds to WO 01/63272. US 5,320,732 corresponds to JP 4-357449.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted.

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JP 4-357449		10 Dec. 1992	Japan			see US 5,320,732	
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